

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

a first chamber including a first mixer disposed in a first axial direction that coincides with an axial direction of an image carrying body which ~~carries~~ is disposed adjacent to the first chamber to carry an electrostatic latent image, the first mixer stirring and conveying a developer containing at least a toner in a first direction and supplying the toner to the image carrying body;

a second chamber disposed ~~adjacent to the first chamber~~ opposite to the image carrying body with the first chamber interposed therebetween and including a second mixer disposed in parallel to the first mixer, the second mixer stirring and conveying the developer in a second direction different from the first direction;

a third chamber disposed ~~adjacent to the second chamber~~ opposite to the image carrying body with the first chamber and the second chamber interposed therebetween and including a third mixer, the third mixer stirring and conveying the developer in the second direction;

a recycle toner supply section that is disposed on an upstream side of the third chamber and is supplied with a recycle toner recovered from a surface of the image carrying body; and

a fresh toner supply section that is disposed on an upstream side of the second chamber and is supplied with a fresh toner,

wherein an upstream side of an axis of the third mixer is lower than an upstream side of an axis of the second mixer.

2. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second mixer conveys the developer at a first speed, and

the third mixer conveys the developer at a second speed that is lower than the first speed.

3. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the second speed is 1/3 of the first speed.

4. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:  
a first chamber including a first mixer disposed in a first axial direction that coincides with an axial direction of an image carrying body which ~~carries~~ is disposed adjacent to the first chamber to carry an electrostatic latent image, the first mixer stirring and conveying a developer containing at least a toner in a first direction and supplying the toner to the image carrying body;

a second chamber disposed ~~adjacent to the first chamber~~ opposite to the image carrying body with the first chamber interposed therebetween and including a second mixer disposed in parallel to the first mixer, the second mixer stirring and conveying the developer in a second direction different from the first direction;

a third chamber disposed ~~adjacent to the second chamber~~ opposite to the image carrying body with the first chamber and the second chamber interposed therebetween and including a third mixer, the third mixer stirring and conveying the developer in the second direction;

a recycle toner supply section that is disposed on an upstream side of the third chamber and is supplied with a recycle toner recovered from a surface of the image carrying body; and

a fresh toner supply section that is disposed on an upstream side of the second chamber and is supplied with a fresh toner,

wherein a downstream side of an axis of the third mixer is higher than a downstream side of an axis of the second mixer.

5. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the second mixer conveys the developer at a first speed, and  
the third mixer conveys the developer at a second speed that is lower than the first speed.

6. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the second speed is  $1/3$  of the first speed.
7. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first chamber is disposed at a same height as the second chamber.
8. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the axis of the third mixer is a non-parallel skew line, relative to an axis of the first mixer and the axis of the second mixer.
9. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a recycle toner supply mechanism which supplies the recycle toner supply section with the recycle toner recovered from the surface of the image carrying body.
10. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a drum cleaner which recovers the recycle toner from the surface of the image carrying body and delivers the recycle toner to the recycle toner supply mechanism.
11. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the first chamber is disposed at a same height as the second chamber.
12. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the axis of the third mixer is a non-parallel skew line, relative to an axis of the first mixer and the axis of the second mixer.
13. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a recycle toner supply mechanism which supplies the recycle toner supply section with the recycle toner recovered from the surface of the image carrying body.

14. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a drum cleaner which recovers the recycle toner from the surface of the image carrying body and delivers the recycle toner to the recycle toner supply mechanism.